The Joy of Christma

THE BEST LOVED CAROLS, HYMNS, SONGS AND SOLOS

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The Joy of Christmas

The custom of celebrating Christmas with songs is as old as Christianity itself. The very first carol was sung by the angelic choir over the hills of Judea to announce the birth of the Child: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." To be sure, these songs were not always called carols. During the first centuries of our Christian era they were strictly devotional hymns, but from the 13th century on, under the influence of the great humanitarian, St. Francis of Assisi, Christmas music acquired a more lighthearted, secular character.

The word "carol" means many things today—joy, singing, devotion, holiday spirit and even dancing. This folio provides abundant material for all Yuletide music making: singing in family groups, schools, churches and an inspiring repertoire for pianists, organists and guitar-strummers. The Joy Of Christmas contains the best loved carols, hymns, Christmas songs, rounds and a good number of instrumental solo pieces by the masters. All arrangements are new and easy to play.

As one of the earliest 15th century English Carols suggests "Make we merry, both more and less, for now is the time of Chris-te-mas!"

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Joy To The World

Isaac Watts

Georg Friedrich Händel

Majestically

C Dm C G7 C
1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let
f
F G7 C F C
earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
F C G
pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
mf
G7 C F C Dm C G7 C
sing, And heav - en and heav - en and na - ture sing.
f

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His Love.

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Silent Night

The original version as copied from the composer's manuscript

Moderato Franz Gruber

Soprano and Alto Solo

p
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night!
All is calm, All is bright, 'Round yon vir - gin
moth - er and Child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly

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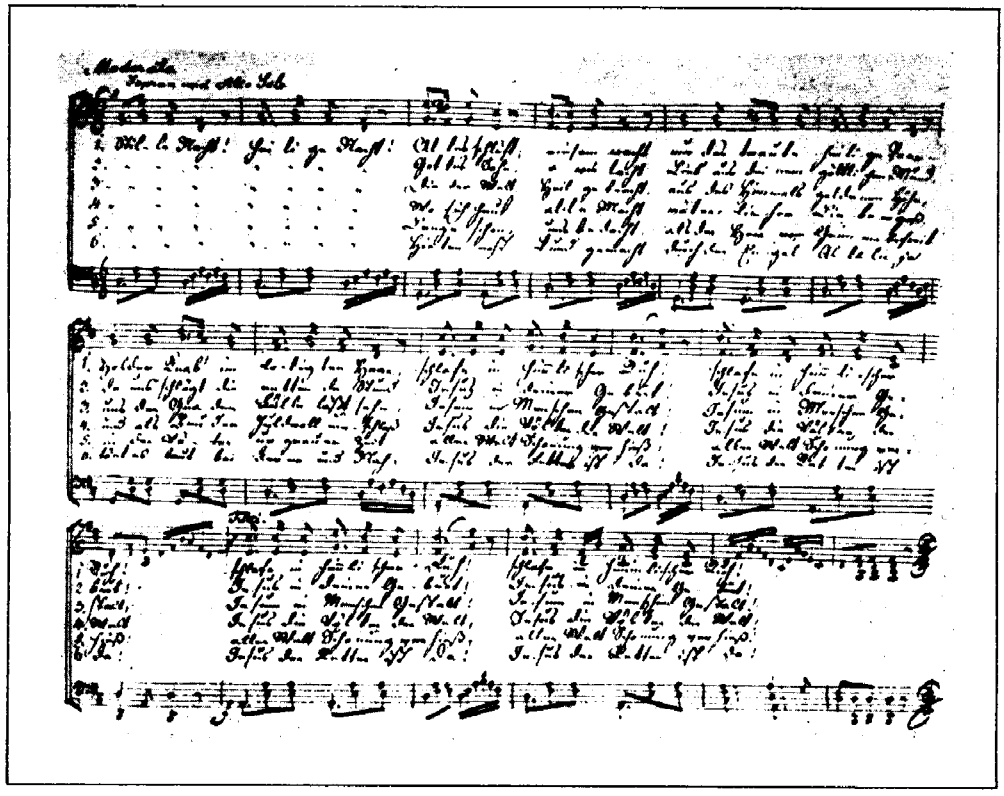
Tutti

peace. Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace, —

f

Sleep — in heav - en - ly peace.



Manuscript of an arrangement by Franz Gruber, in his hand, in the Salzburg Museum

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks

Lewis H. Redner

Moderately
p
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem! How still we see thee lie; A -
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove, While
F Fdim. F F♯dim. Gm F C7 F
bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
mf Yet O
D7 Gm F C7 F
in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light:
morn - ing stars, to geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
p The And
G♯dim. A Dm Gm A F
hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to night.
prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
Fdim. F F♯dim. Gm F C7 F

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessing of his heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

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Away In A Manger

Tenderly
Luther's Cradle Hymn
1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked
down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
The poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes;
I love Thee Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there.

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Joyously
French
mf
1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing on the plain,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ful strains pro - long?
And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strain:
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - nly song?
Refrain
p
Glo - - -

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears

Richard S. Willis

Moderately

mp
1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of
old, From an - gels ben - ding near the earth To touch their harps of
gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav-ens all gra - cious
King." The world in sol - emn still-ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3. For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the evercircling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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Go Tell It On The Mountain

Moderately

Spiritual Carol

F B♭ F C7 B♭ C7 F
mf
When I was a seek - er I sought both night and day, I
He made me a watch - man Up - on a cit - y wall, And
F B♭ F G C
asked the Lord to help me, And He showed me the way.
if I am a Christ - ian, I am the least of all.
F B♭ F C7 B♭ F B♭ F
f
Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
F B♭ F Dm B♭m F C7 F
Go tell it on the moun - tain, our Je - sus Christ is born.

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O Come All Ye Faithful

English words by
Frederick Oakley

Adeste Fideles

Old Latin Hymn

With steady motion

G D G D7
O come, all ye faith - full, Joy - ful and tri -
mf
G D Em D A D G6 D G D A7 D
umph - ant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
G D7 G D7 G D G Em Am D
Come and be - hold Him Born the King of an - gels: O
f
mp
G D G D7 G D G
come, let us a dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him, O
mf
f
Am G D A7 D G Am G D7 G
come let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest; *Refrain:*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
World of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; *Refrain:*

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Good King Wenceslas

John Mason Neale

Latin Spring Carol
(16th Century)

Moderately lively

G Em D G C D C G C D G
mf
1. Good King Wen - ces - las looked out On the Feast of Ste - phen,
G Em D G C D C G C D G
When the snow lay round a - bout, Deep and crisp and e - ven,
G D7 G D G D7 Em C G C D7 G
Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Tho' the frost was cru - el,
G C B7 Em D G C G D7 Em C G
When a poor man came in sight, Gath'- ring win - ter fu - el.

2. "Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By St. Agnes fountain!"

3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pinelogs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear them hither."
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together
Thro' the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

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4. "Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind grows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page,
Tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly!"

5. In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed;
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Come, All Ye Shepherds

Joyfully Czech

F B♭ F B♭ F C7 F
mf Come, all ye shep-herds such won-ders en - thrall.
F B♭ F B♭ F C7 F F
Come where the young Child is laid in a stall. This day to us a
Dm C7 F Dm C7 F B♭ C7 F
Sa-viour is giv-en, Whom God on high hath sent down from heav-en, Hal-le-lu-jah!

2. Come hear what wonderful tidings are fraught.
In Bethlehem see what joy they have brought.
Good will from heaven to man is given,
Peace never ending to earth descending,
Glory to God!

3. Haste then to Bethlehem, there to behold
Jesus the Babe of whom angels have told.
There to His glory tell we the story,
Glad voices raising Him over praising,
Hallelujah!

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Oh, How Joyfully

O Sanctissima

With spirited motion

Sicilian Hymn

D G D A7 D G D A7
f
1. Oh, how joy - ful - ly, oh, how mer - ri - ly
D A Bm A D E7 A
Christ - mas comes with its grace di - vine!
A D A7 D A7 D D
mf
Grace a - gain is beam - ing, Christ the world re - deem - ing,
Bm F♯m G D Em7 D Em D A7 D
f
Hail, ye Chris - tians, hail the joy - ous Christ - mas time!

2. Oh, how joyfully,
Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its
grace divine!
Peace on earth is reigning,
Christ our peace regaining,
Hail, ye Christians,
Hail the joyous Christmas time!

3. Oh, how joyfully,
Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its
life divine!
Angels high in glory
Chant the Christmas story,
Hail, ye Christians,
Hail the joyous Christmas time!

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Ding- Dong Merrily On High

French

Lively
mf
1. Ding, dong, mer- ri - ly on high The Christ-mas bells are
2. Ding, dong, car- ol all the bells, Ring out the Christ-mas
ring - ing; Ding, dong, joy- ous - ly re - ply The an- gels all a - sing - ing.
sto - ry; Ding, dong, sound the good now- ells, God's Son has come in glo - ry!
Refrain
f
Glo - - - - - - - - - - - -
- - - - - - ri - a, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

3. Praise Him! people far and near,
And join the angels' singing.
Ding, dong, everywhere we hear
The Christmas bells a-ringing.
Refrain:

4. Hear them ring this happy morn!
Our God a gift has given;
Ding, dong, Jesus Christ is born!
A precious Child from heaven.
Refrain:

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Behold That Star

Spiritual Carol

Moderately

D
D7
G
Em
A
mf
Be - hold that star, — Be - hold that star up yon - der,
D
D7
G
Gm
D
G
D
A7
D
Be - hold that star, — It is the star of Beth - le - hem. —
Fine
1. There was no room found in the inn, — For
2. The wise men trav - elled from the East, — It is the star of Beth - le - hem, — To
3. A song broke forth up - on the night, — From
Him who was born — free from sin, —
wor - ship — Him, the Prince of Peace. —
an - gel — hosts all robed in white. —
D.C.

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As With Gladness, Men Of Old

William Dix

Conrad Kocher

Moderately

G D G D G Am D7 G C D7 G C G D G
mf
1. As with — glad - ness, men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2. As with — joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man - ger bed,
G D G D G Am D7 G C D7 G C G D G
mf
As with — joy they hail'd its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright.
There to — bend the knee be - fore Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore.
G D Em7 G D G C D7 G Am G D7 G
So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee!
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat!

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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The Golden Carol

Moderately English

Cm G Cm G C A♭ G Cm
mf
1. We saw a light shine out a - far, On Christ-mas in the morn - ing, And
Cm G Cm G A♭ Cm G Cm
straight we knew it was Christ's star, Bright beam - ing in the morn - ing. Then
G Cm G7 Cm G Cm G Cm Fm G D
did we fall on bend - ed knee, On Christ - mas in the morn - ing, And
G G7 Cm G7 Fm6 G7 Cm
praised the Lord, who'd let us see, His glo - ry at its dawn - ing.

2. Oh! ever thought be of His name
On Christmas in the morning,
Who bore for us both grief and shame
Affliction's sharpest scorning.
And may we die when death shall come,
On Christmas in the morning,
And see in heav'n our glorious home,
That star of Christmas morning.

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God Be With You

Moderately slow Swiss

C
mf
1. God be with you, all gen - tle peo - ple, Where - ev - er
G7 C
you may be, Wher - ev - er you may be; God be with you in fields or hall Or
G7 C G7
on the storm - y sea; For on this morn, this morn, Our Christ is
C G7 C
born, is born, That sav - eth you and me, That sav - eth you and me; For on this
G7 C
morn our Christ is born That sav - eth you and me.

2. Last night the shepherds in the East
Saw many wondrous things,
Saw many wondrous things,
The Christmas star shone from afar,
And joyous angels sang for Him.

The blessed day has come,
The day that Christ is born,
Oh praise His name above,
And look to Him in love.
'Tis Jesus' birth, sing, all the earth!
Laud Him this happy Christmas morn.

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Good Christian Men, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

John M. Neale

German (14th Century)

Spirited

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and
mf
voice; Give ye heed to what we say; News!
News! Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -
fore Him bow, He is in the man - ger now; Christ is
born to - day! Christ is born to - day!

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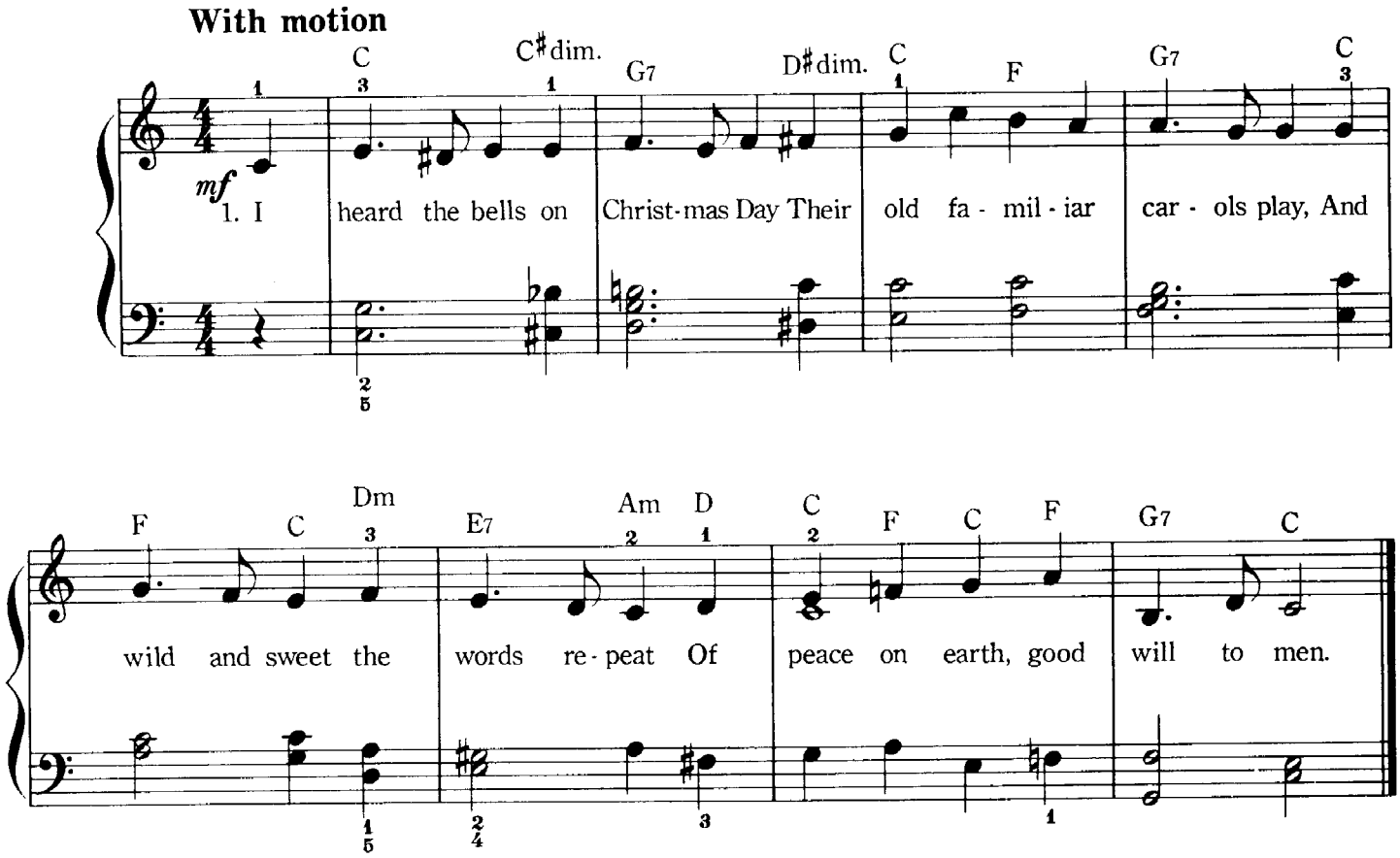
2. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore;
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ is born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

Henry W. Longfellow

J. Baptiste Colkin



2. I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

3. And in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
" For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.

5. Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolv'd from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth good will to men.

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Lullaby Carol

Rather slow; tenderly

Polish

E♭ B♭7 A♭ E♭
p
Lul - la - by, dear lit - tle one, day - time is wing - ing,
Lul - la - by, sweet lit - tle one, sings our dear La - dy,
E♭ B♭7 E♭
Lul - la - by, dear lit - tle one, Moth - er is sing - ing;
Lul - la - by, sweet lit - tle one, to her sweet Ba - by;
A♭ B♭7 A♭ E♭
mf
Lul - la - by, dear lit - tle one, while Thou art sleep - ing,
Close your eyes, Je - sus dear, hush all your sigh - ing,
E♭7 A♭6 A♭m6 B♭7 E♭
An - gels are guard - ing you, their vig - il keep - ing.
Ma - ry is hold - ing you, no need for cry - ing.

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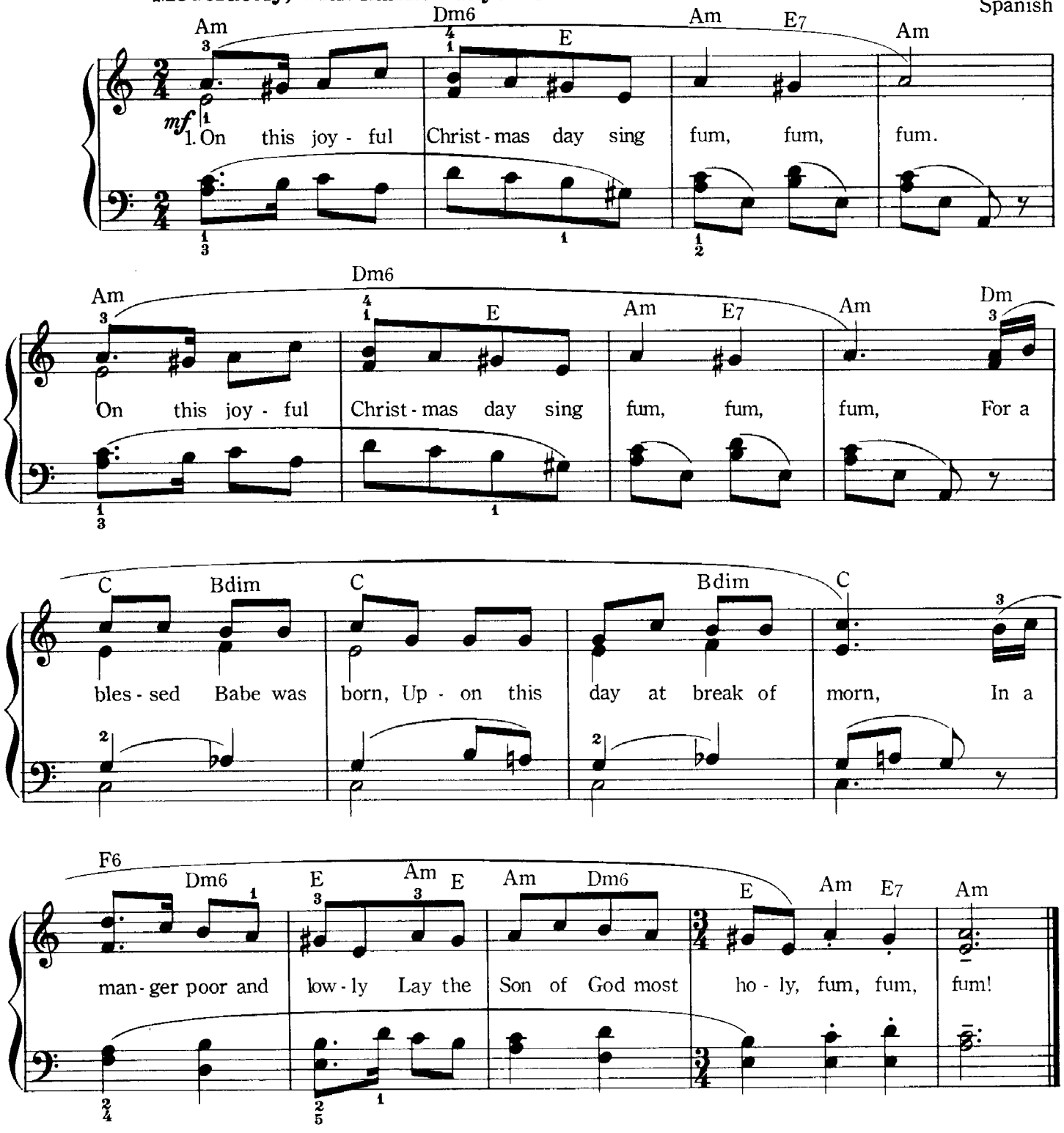
Fum, Fum, Fum

Moderately, with marked rhythm

Spanish


Am Dm6 E Am E7 Am
mf
1. On this joy - ful Christ - mas day sing fum, fum, fum.
Am Dm6 E Am E7 Am Dm
On this joy - ful Christ - mas day sing fum, fum, fum, For a
C Bdim C Bdim C
bles - sed Babe was born, Up - on this day at break of morn, In a
F6 Dm6 E Am E Am Dm6 E Am E7 Am
man - ger poor and low - ly Lay the Son of God most ho - ly, fum, fum, fum!

2. Thanks to God for holidays, sing fum, fum, fum.
Thanks to God for holidays, sing fum, fum, fum.
Now we all our voices raise — And sing a song of grateful praise,
Celebrate in song and story, all the wonders of his glory,
Fum, fum, fum.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

English

With lively motion

Em B Em Bm G C B Em Am B Em
mf
1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may, Re -
B Em Bm C G C B Em Am B
mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas Day, To
Am D G C G7 C G B7 Em A7 D G
save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a -
Refrain
D Em D G C G Am6 Em B Em A
stray; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
D Em Am6 G C G C G Am6 Em B7 Em
joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

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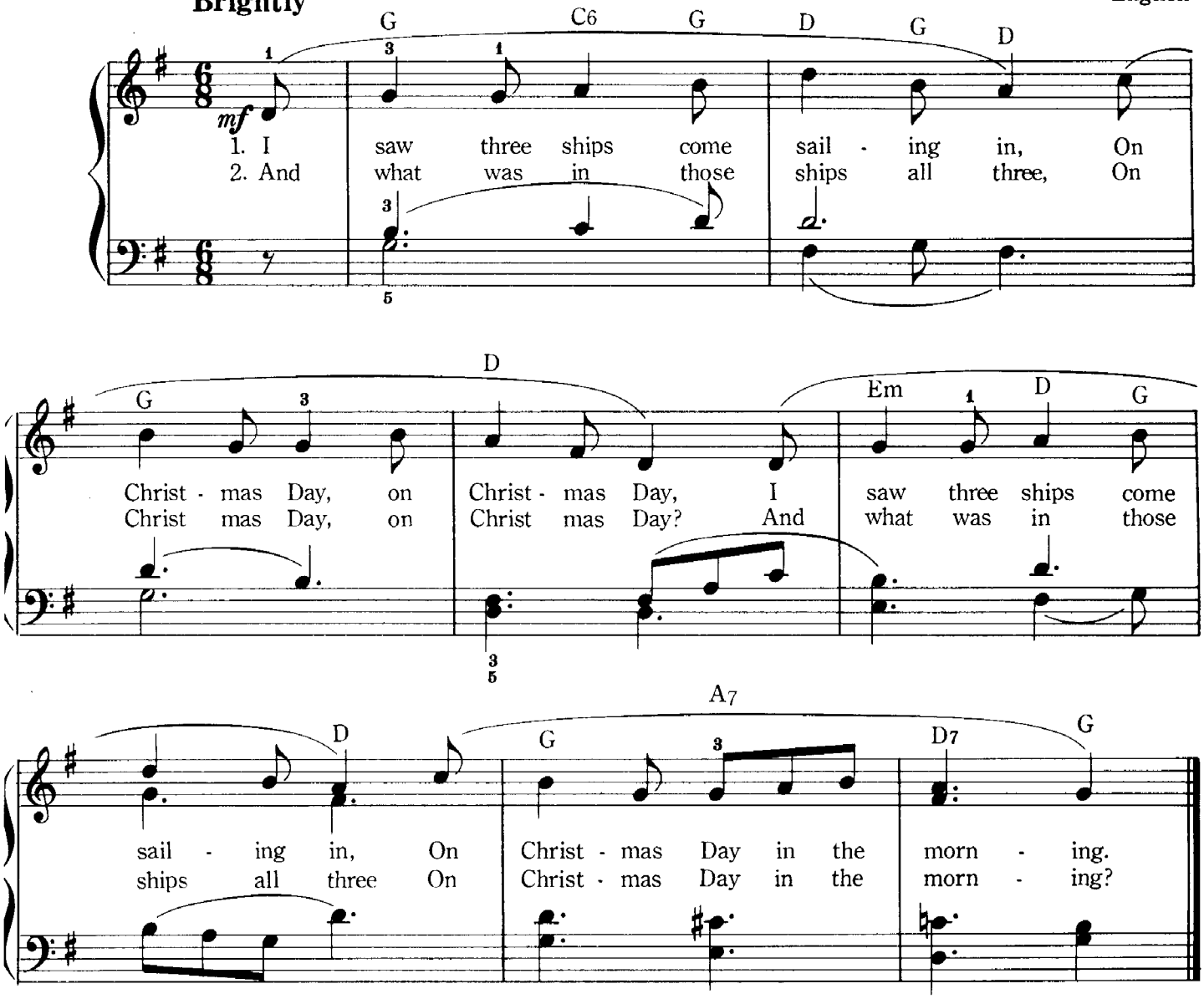
2. From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name. *Refrain:*

3. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface. *Refrain.*

I Saw Three Ships

Brightly

English


G C6 G D G D
mf
1. I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On
2. And what was in those ships all three, On
D
G D Em D G
Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, I saw three ships come
Christ mas Day, on Christ mas Day? And what was in those
A7
D G D7 G
sail - ing in, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.
ships all three On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing?

3. The Virgin Mary and Christ was there,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
The Virgin Mary and Christ was there,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

4. Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day in the morning.

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The Holly And The Ivy

English

Gaily
mf
1. The holly and the ivy, When they are both full
2. The holly bears a blossom As white as lily
grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood The holly bears the crown.
flow'r, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To be our sweet Saviour.
Refrain
f
The rising of the sun And the running of the deer, The
playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

3. The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good:
Refrain:

4. The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day in the morn:
Refrain:

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Masters In This Hall

A Christmas Processional

Spirited walking tempo

French - English

Dm A Dm Gm A7 Dm
mf
1. Mas - ters in this hall, Hear ye news to - day,
Dm A Dm Gm A7 Dm
Brought from o - ver sea, And ev - er I you pray:
Refrain
Dm Gm6 Dm A Dm Gm6 Dm D7 Gm A
f
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell! Now - ell sing we clear! Holp - en are all folk on
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell! Now - ell sing we loud! God to day hath all folk
Dm Gm 1. A7 Dm 2. Dm A7 Dm
earth Born is God's Son so dear.
raised And cast a - down the proud.

2. Then to Bethl'em town
We went two and two,
In a sorry place
We heard the oxen low:
Refrain:

3. Ox and ass Him know
Kneeling on their knee
Wond'rous joy and I
This little Babe to see:
Refrain:

4. This is the Christ, the Lord,
Masters be ye glad!
Christmas is come in
And no folk should be sad:
Refrain:

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Pat - A - Pan

Willie, Bring Your Little Drum

French

Moderate march tempo
mf
Em Am6 Em B7
1. Wil - lie, bring your lit - tle drum, Ro-bin, bring your
Em B Em B A B Em
fife and come, And be mer - ry while you play, Tu - re - lu - re -
B7 Em B Em Am6
lu, Pat - a - pat - a - pan, Come be mer - ry while you
Em B A Am6 B B7
play, Let us make our Christ - mas
1.2. Em
gay!
2. When the
3. God and
3. Em
gay!

2. When the men of olden days
To the King of Kings gave praise,
On the fife and drum did play,
Tu-re-lu-re-lu,
Pat-a-pat-a-pan,
On the fife and drum did play,
So their hearts were glad and gay!

3. God and man today became
More in tune than fife and drum,
So be merry while you play,
Tu-re-lu-re-lu,
Pat-a-pat-a-pan,
So be merry while you play,
Sing and dance this Christmas day!

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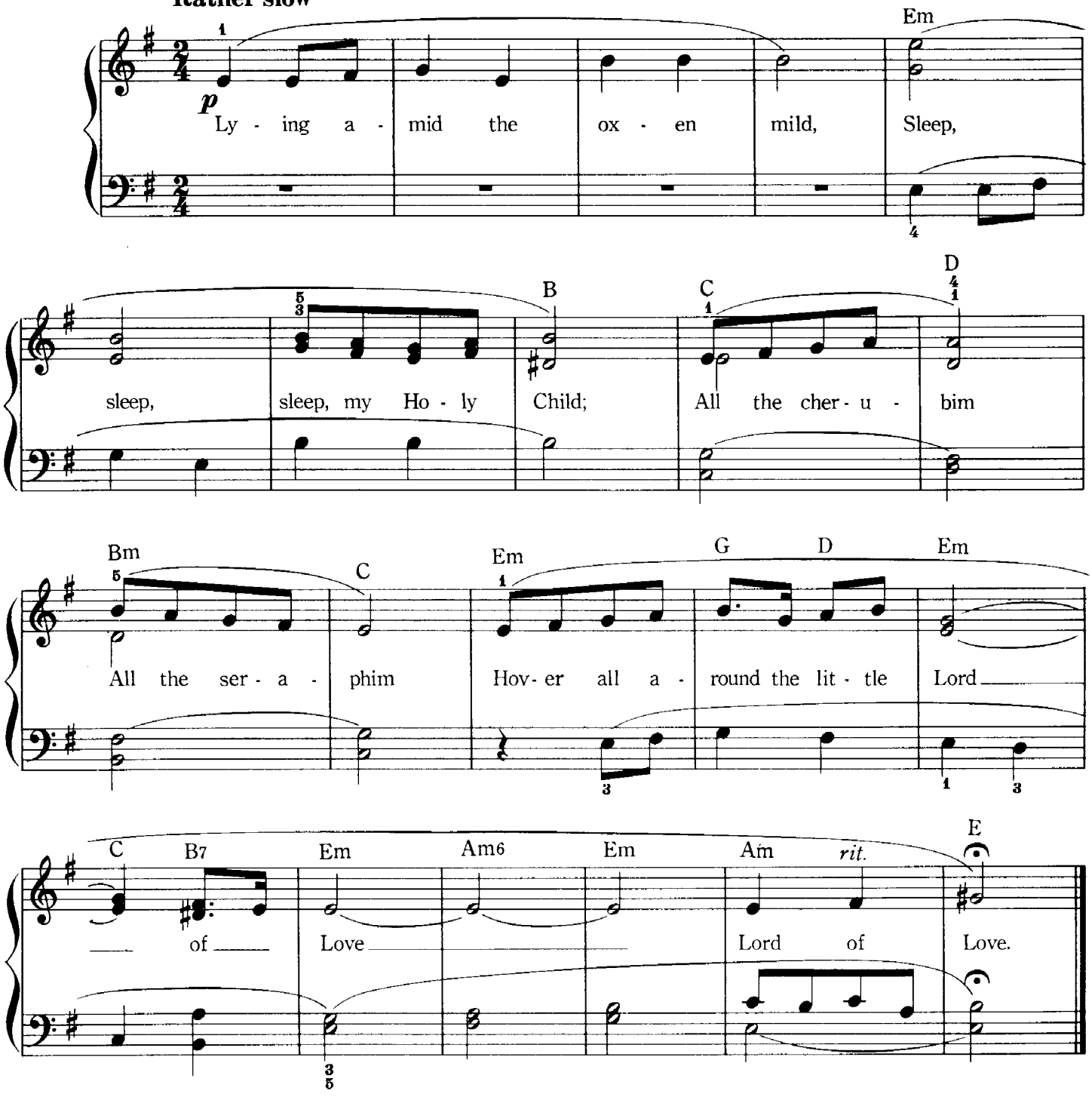
Slumber Song Of The Infant Jesus

François Gevaert

Rather slow



2. Mid lilies white and roses red,
Sleep, sleep, in Thy lowly bed,
All the cherubim, etc.

3. While gentle shepherds knee in prayer,
Sleep, sleep, my Child so fair.
All the cherubim, etc.

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Lo, How A Rose

Moderately, with tenderness

Michael Praetorius

F B♭ F C Dm B♭ F C Gm B♭
p
Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing, From ten - der root
Lo, how this rose came spring - ing, I - sa - iah did
F C F F B♭ F C Dm B♭
has sprung, To all the world be - stow - ing What
pro - claim; While all the heav'ns were sing - ing The
F C Gm B♭ F C F Gm Am Dm7 G C
men of old have sung. There bloomed a - love - ly flow'r
Rose by Ma ry came. Through God's al - might - y pow'r
Dm7 C B♭ F C D Gm F Gm C F Csus. C F
Though win - ter's cold was blow - ing, And mid - night was the hour.
The world sal - va - tion bring - ing Though mid - night was the hour.

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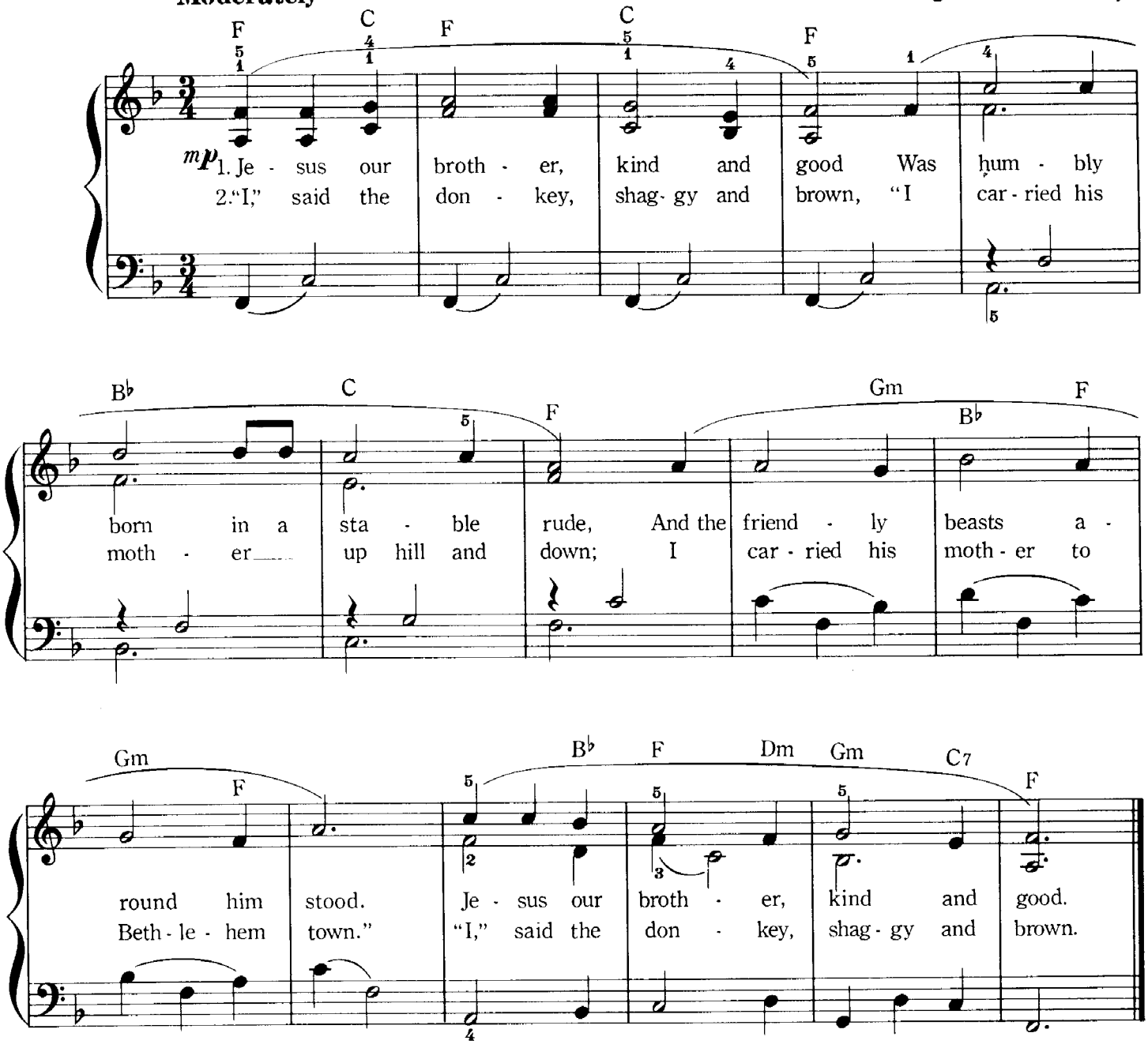
The Friendly Beasts

Moderately English (12th Century)


F C F C F
mp 1. Je - sus our broth - er, kind and good Was hum - bly
2. "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I car - ried his
B♭ C F Gm B♭ F
born in a sta - ble rude, And the friend - ly beasts a -
moth - er up hill and down; I car - ried his moth - er to
Gm F B♭ F Dm Gm C7 F
round him stood. Je - sus our broth - er, kind and good.
Beth - le - hem town." "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.

3. "I", said the cow all white and red,
"I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head",
"I", said the cow all white and red.

4.. "I", said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn".
"I" said the sheep with curly horn.

5. "I", said the dove from the rafters high,
"Cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,
We cooed him. to sleep, my mate and I",
"I", said the dove from the rafters high.

6. Thus every beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emanuel,
The gift he gave Emanuel.

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Gesù Bambin

Jesus Was Born To Mary

Moderately Italian

F B♭ F Dm B♭m F
1. Je - sus was born to Ma - ry, One ho - ly
mf
C7 F F B♭ Dm F
Christ - mas night; Shep-herds knelt by the man - ger,
G9 C7 F F F7
Awed by the glo - ri - ous sight. Oh, what a glo-rious sight, the
B♭ B♭dim. F B♭ F Dm F
an - gels sang a - bove Him "Glo - ry to God in heav - en!
G9 C7 F7 B♭ C7 F
Hon - or the ho - ly Child, hon - or the ho - ly Child."

2. In Bethlehem's rude stable,
There in the cattle stall,
Joseph and Mary by Him,
Christ came to save us all.

He came to save us all,
The star shone bright above Him;
We honor Him and love Him,
This little holy Child, this little holy Child.

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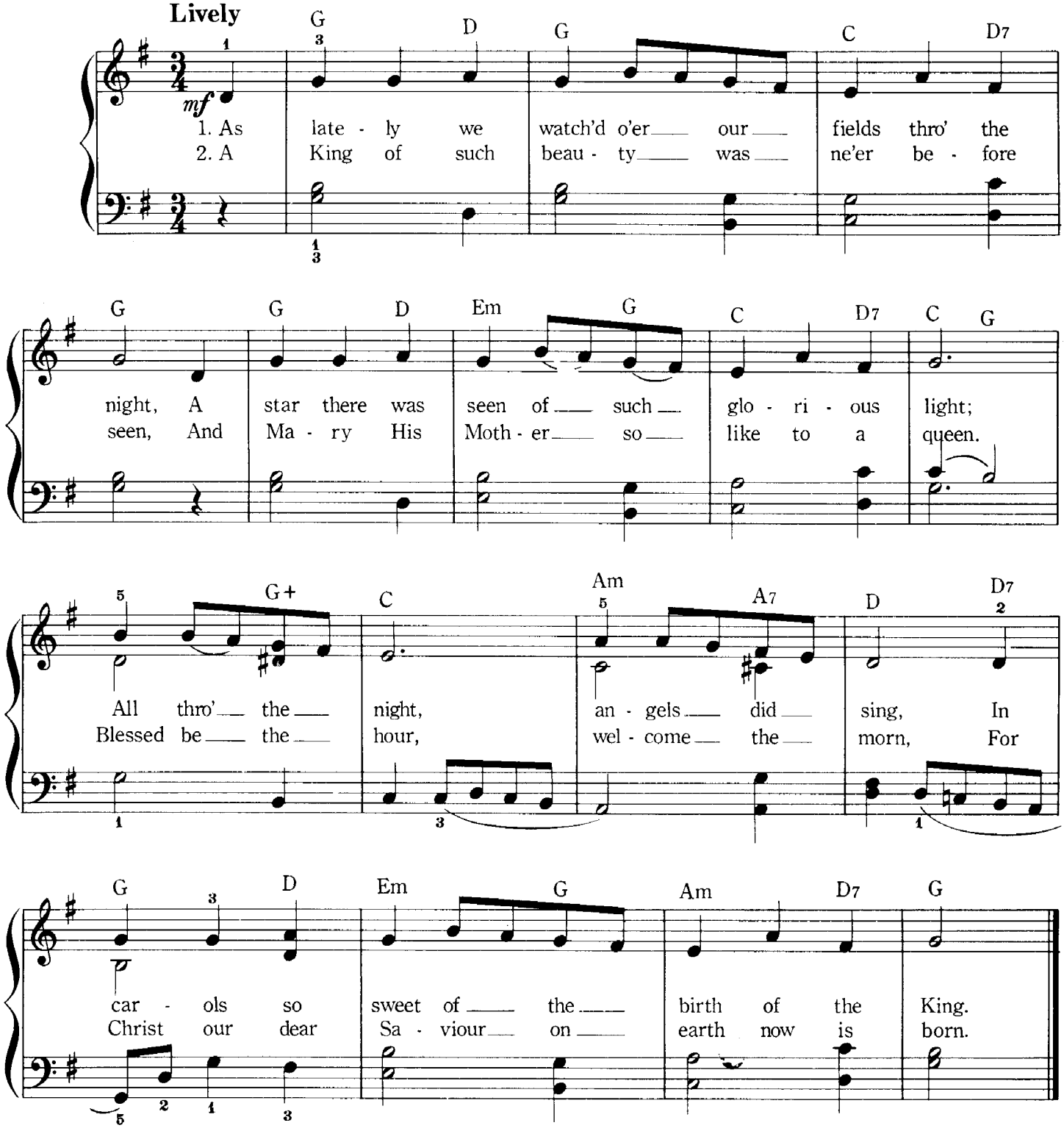
As Lately We Watched

Austrian


Lively
mf
1. As late - ly we watch'd o'er our fields thro' the
2. A King of such beau - ty was ne'er be - fore
night, A star there was seen of such glo - ri - ous light;
seen, And Ma - ry His Moth - er so like to a queen.
All thro' the night, an - gels did sing, In
Blessed be the hour, wel - come the morn, For
car - ols so sweet of the birth of the King.
Christ our dear Sa - viour on earth now is born.
G
D
Em
C
Am
A7
D7
G+

3. His throne is a manger, His court is a loft,
But troops of bright angels, in lay, sweet and soft,
Him they proclaim, our Christ by name,
And earth, sky, and air, straight are filled with His fame.

4. Then shepherds, be joyful, salute your liege King,
Let hills and dales ring to the song that ye sing,
Blest be the hour, welcome the morn,
For Christ our dear Saviour on earth now is born.

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The First Noël

Traditional

Moderately, with spirit

mf

1. The first No - ël the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shin - ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, be - yond them far, And to the

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
earth it, gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both

Refrain

f

was so deep. No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, No -
day and night.

ël, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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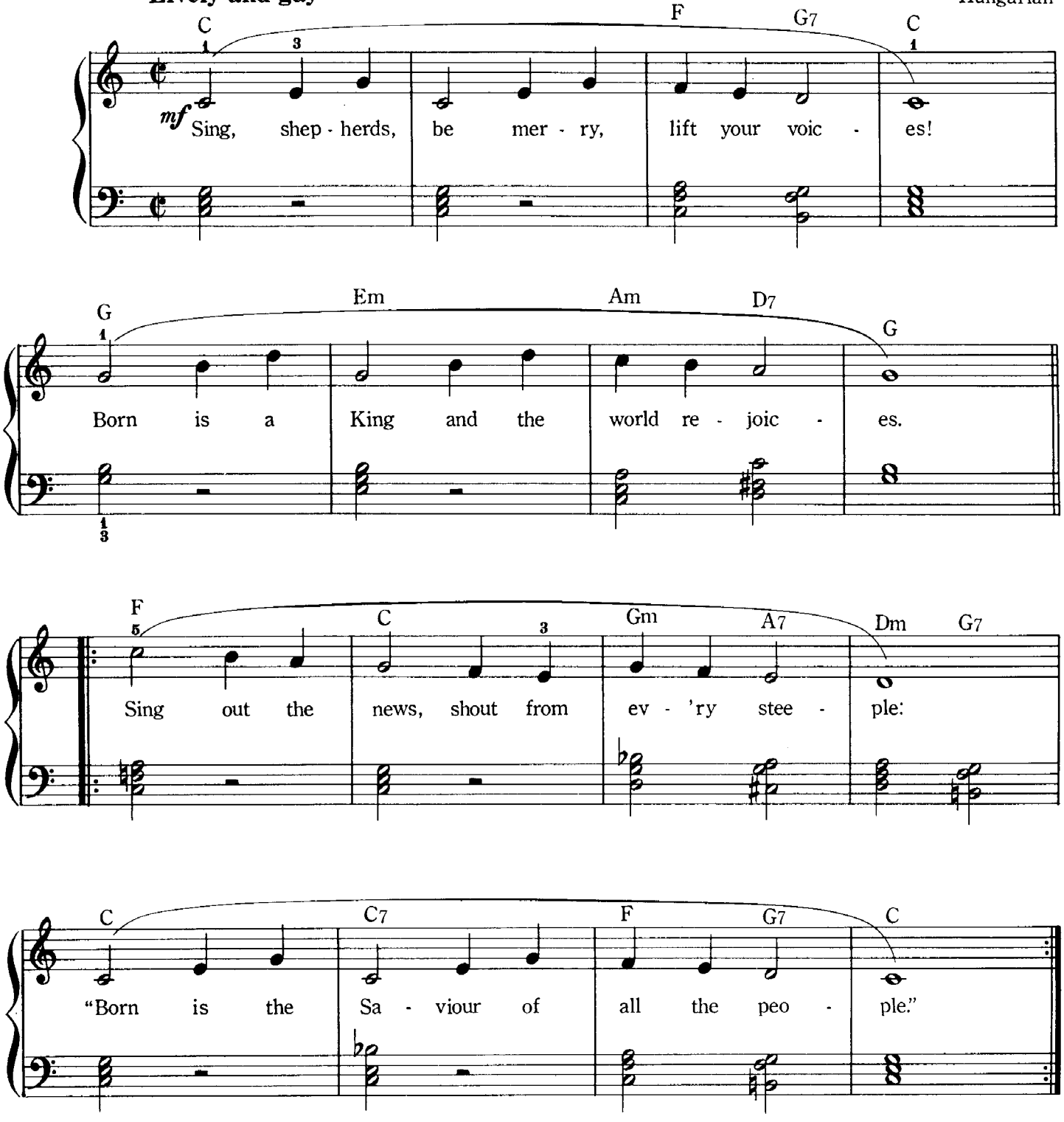
3. This star drew nigh to the Northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Chorus:

4. Then entered in those wisemen three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Chorus:

Sing, Shepherds!

Lively and gay Hungarian


C F G7 C
mf Sing, shep - herds, be mer - ry, lift your voic - es!
G Em Am D7 G
Born is a King and the world re - joic - es.
F C Gm A7 Dm G7
Sing out the news, shout from ev - 'ry stee - ple:
C C7 F G7 C
"Born is the Sa - viour of all the peo - ple."

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Here We Come A-Caroling

English Wassail Song

Brightly
1. Here we come a - car - ol - ing A - mong the leaves so
green; Here we come a - wan - d'ring So fair to be seen.
Refrain
Love and joy come to you, And to you glad Christ - mas
too, And God bless you and send you a Hap - py New
Year, And God send you a Hap - py New Year.

2. We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door
But we are neighbor's children,
Whom you have seen before.
Refrain:

3. God bless the Master of this house,
Likewise the Mistress too;
And all the little children
That round the table go.
Refrain:

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O Christmas Tree

O Tannenbaum

German

Moderately
mf
1. O Christ-mas Tree, O Christ-mas Tree, How true you stand un - chang-ing, O
Christ-mas Tree, O Christ-mas Tree, How true you stand un - chang - ing, Your
boughs so green in sum-mer-time, Re - main so green in win-ter-time O
Christ-mas Tree, O Christ-mas Tree, How true you stand un - chang - ing!

2. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy message is enduring;
So long ago in Bethlehem
Was born the Saviour of all men;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy message is enduring.

3. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy faith is so unchanging;
A symbol sent from God above,
Proclaiming Him the Lord of Love;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How true you stand unchanging!

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Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Lively French

G D G Am G D G
mf
Bring a torch, Jean - nette, Is - a - bel - la, Bring a
Hast - en now, good folk of the vil - lage, Hast - en
D G D7 G Am G
torch, come swift - ly and run. Christ is born, tell the
now, the Christ Child to see. You will find him a -
G C G D7 G D
folk of the vil - lage, Je - sus is sleep - ing in His cra - dle,
sleep in a man - ger, Qui - et - ly come and whis - per soft - ly,
Em D G D G D
mp
Ah, ah, Beau - ti - ful is the Moth - er,
Hush, hush, Peace - ful - ly now He slum - bers,
Em Am G Am D7 G
p
Ah, ah, Beau - ti - ful is her Son.
Hush, hush, Peace - ful - ly now He sleeps.

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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Georg Friedrich Händel

Moderately
mf
1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All
seat - ed on the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down, And
glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.

2. "Fear not!" said He, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind,
To you and all mankind."

3. "To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign,
And this shall be the sign."

4. "The Heav'nly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing band
And in a manger laid,
And in a manger laid."

5. "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace,
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men,
Begin and never cease,
Begin and never cease!"

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We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Moderately

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

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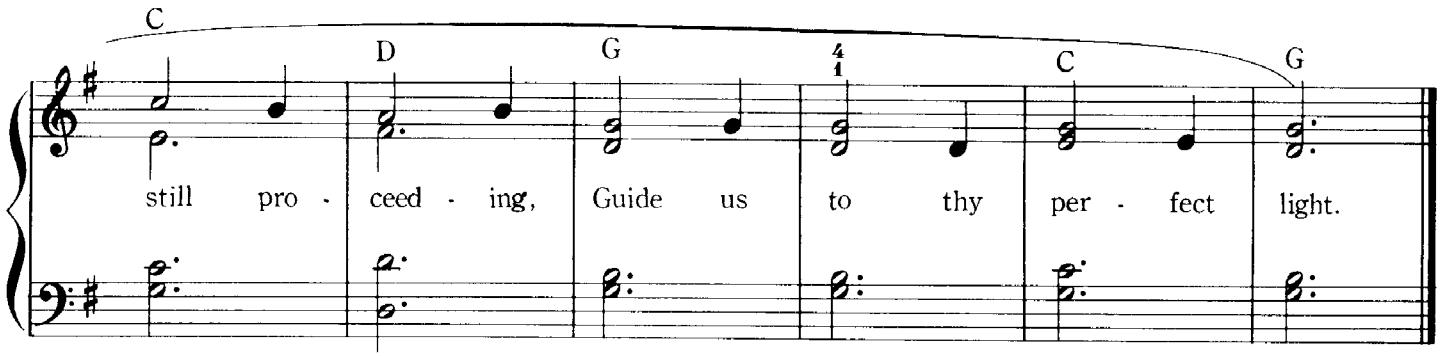


2. Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, Ceasing never
Over us all to reign. *Refrain:*

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity night:
Prayer and praising, All men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. *Refrain:*

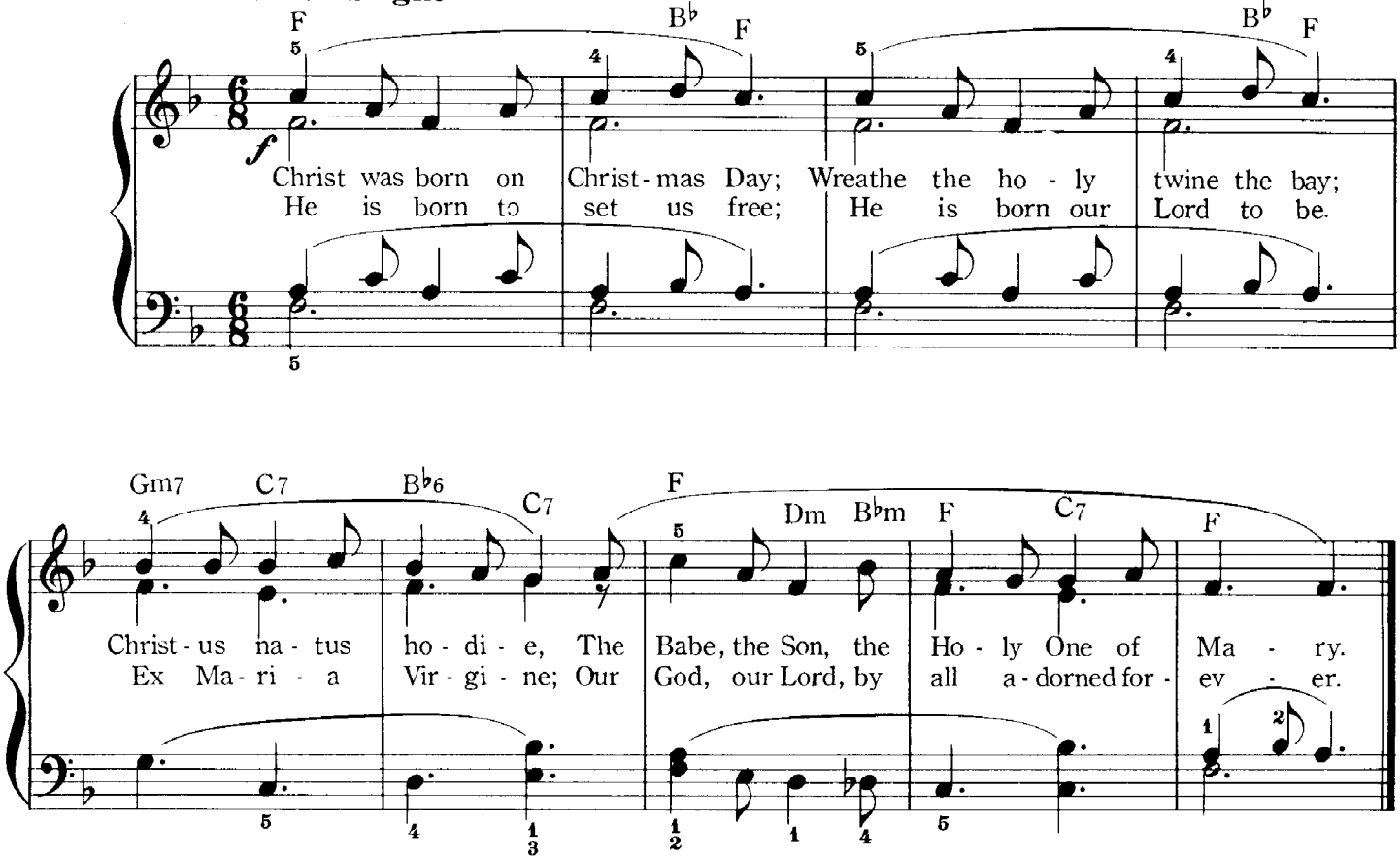
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain:*

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice;
Heaven sings Alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain:*

Christ Was Born On Christmas Day

German

Rather bright


F
B♭
F
B♭
F
f
Christ was born on Christ-mas Day; Wreathe the ho - ly twine the bay;
He is born to set us free; He is born our Lord to be.
Gm7
C7
B♭6
C7
F
Dm
B♭m
F
C7
F
Christ - us na - tus ho - di - e, The Babe, the Son, the Ho - ly One of Ma - ry.
Ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne; Our God, our Lord, by all a - dorned for - ev - er.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

With motion
mf
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
f
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With th'an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Come, Desire of Nations, come,
Fix in us thy humble home.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel; *Refrain:*

3. Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth; *Refrain:*

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

James Montgomery

With motion

Henry Smart

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
Come and wor - ship, Come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born King!

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

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March Of The Three Kings

Solemn walking tempo

Provencal Melody

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The Twelve Days Of Christmas

English

Brightly
mf
1. On the first day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me A par - tridge in a pear tree.
2. On the sec - ond day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me Two tur - tle doves and a par - tridge in a pear tree.
3. On the third day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me Three French hens,

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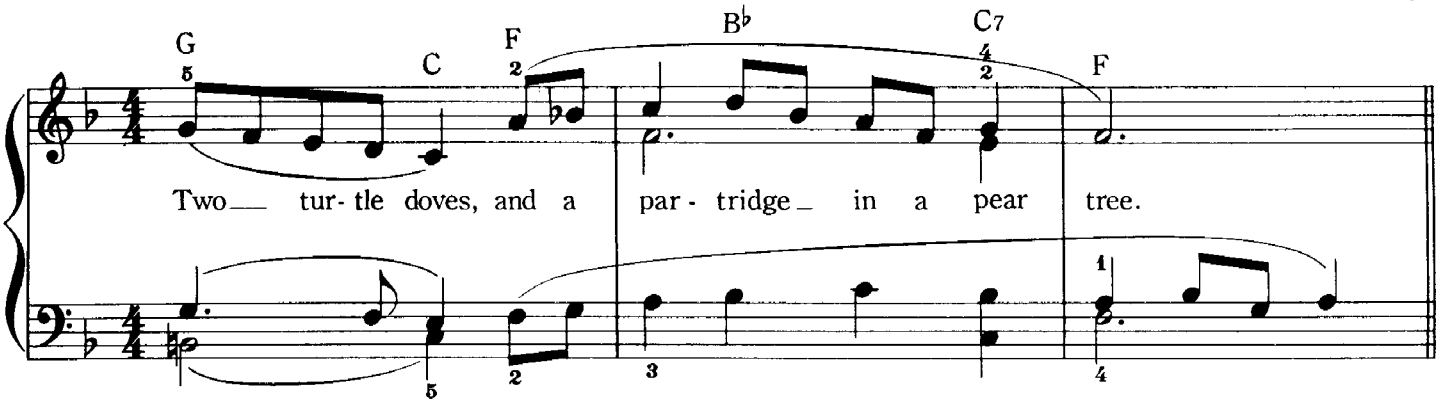
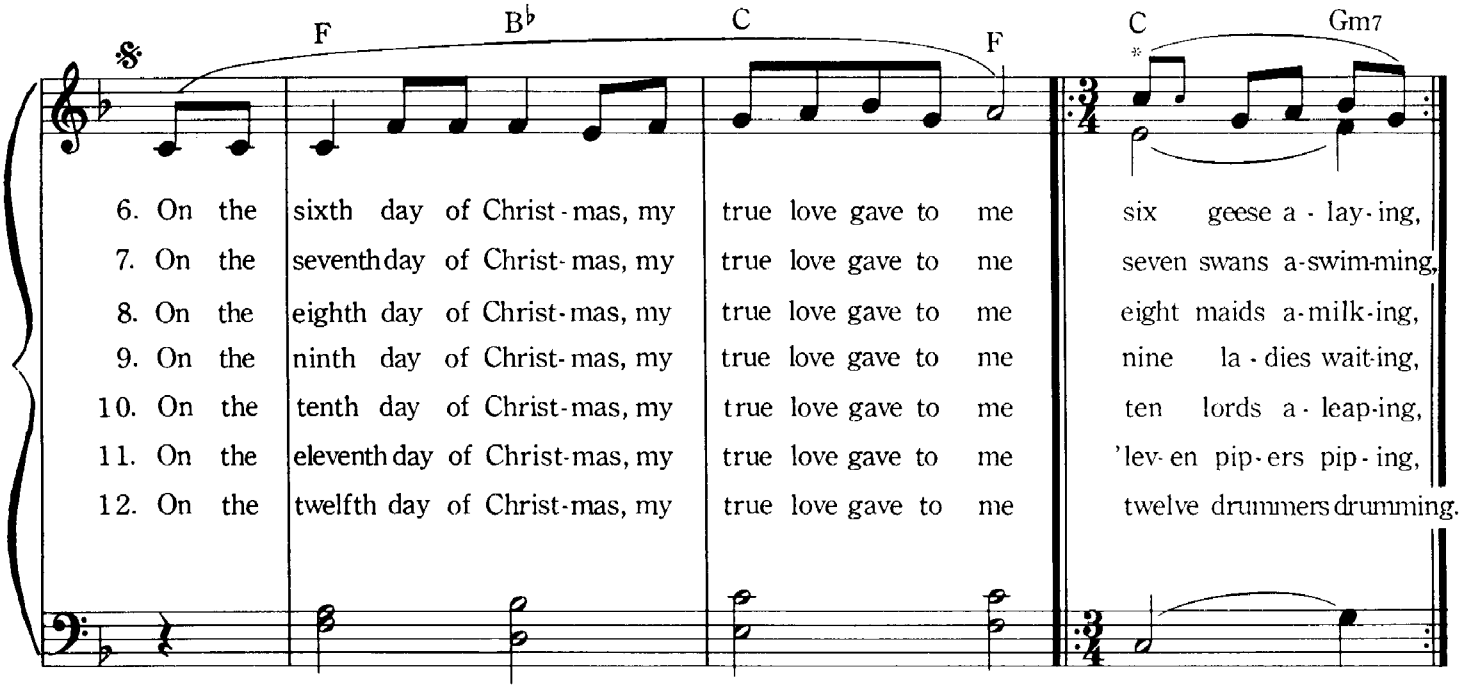
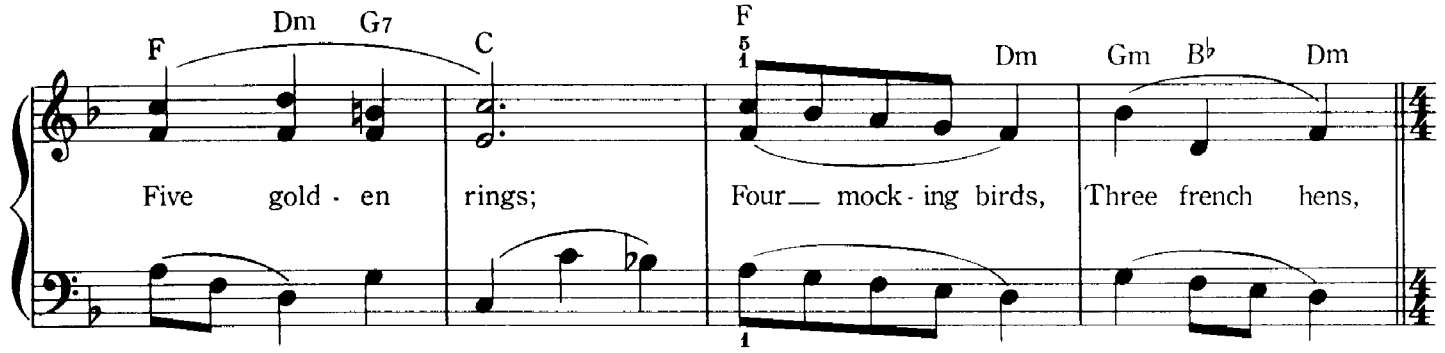
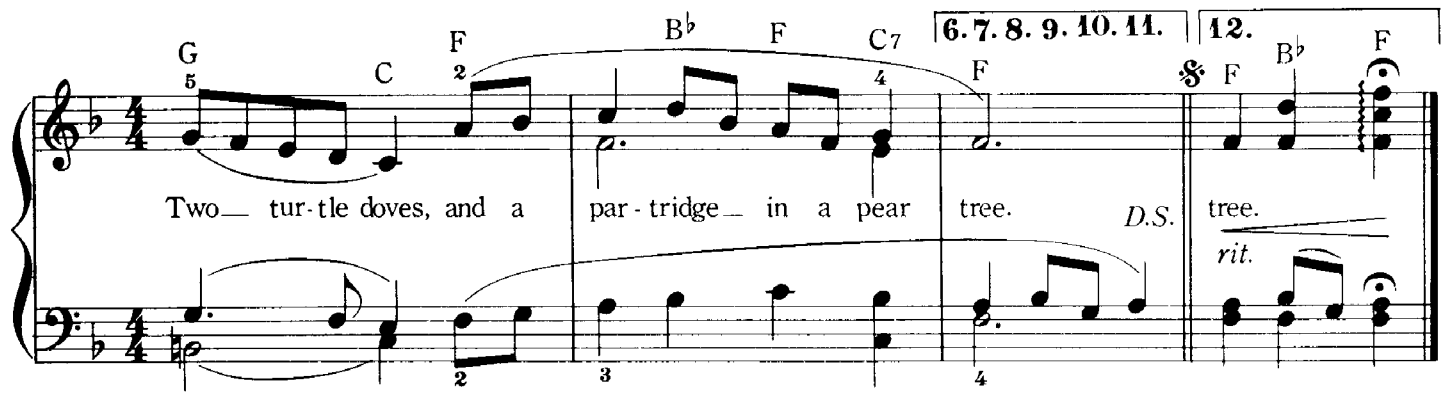
C C7 F B♭ F C7 F
Two tur-tle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree. 4. On the
F B♭ C F C Gm
fourth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me Four mock-ing birds,
C Gm7 C C7 F B♭ F C7
Three French hens, Two tur-tle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear
F Dm C F
tree. 5. On the fifth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me
Dm G7 C F Dm Gm B♭ Dm
Five gold-en rings, Four mock-ing birds, Three French hens,




F B♭ C F C Gm7
6. On the sixth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me six geese a-lay-ing,
7. On the seventh day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me seven swans a-swim-ming,
8. On the eighth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me eight maids a-milk-ing,
9. On the ninth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me nine la-dies wait-ing,
10. On the tenth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me ten lords a-leap-ing,
11. On the eleventh day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me 'lev-en pip-ers pip-ing,
12. On the twelfth day of Christ-mas, my true love gave to me twelve drummers drumming.





* Repeat this measure as often as necessary, so that these lines may be sung in reverse order, each time ending with "Six geese alaying."

Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow

Moderately, with fervor

Spiritual Carol

C Dm7 C G C B♭ C
mf
1. There's a star in the East on Christ-mas morn, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low! It will
2. If you take good heed to the an-gel's words, You'll for-
Am Am
C C7 C+ C Dm F C
lead to the place where the Sa-viour's born, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low!
get your flocks, you'll for- get your herds,
Chorus
B♭m6 G7
mf f
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low!
Am
C F C C+ C Dm F C Dm C
mf f
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low!
Dm7
Am Em C E♭7 G7
Fol-low, fol-low, Rise up, shep-herd and fol-low!

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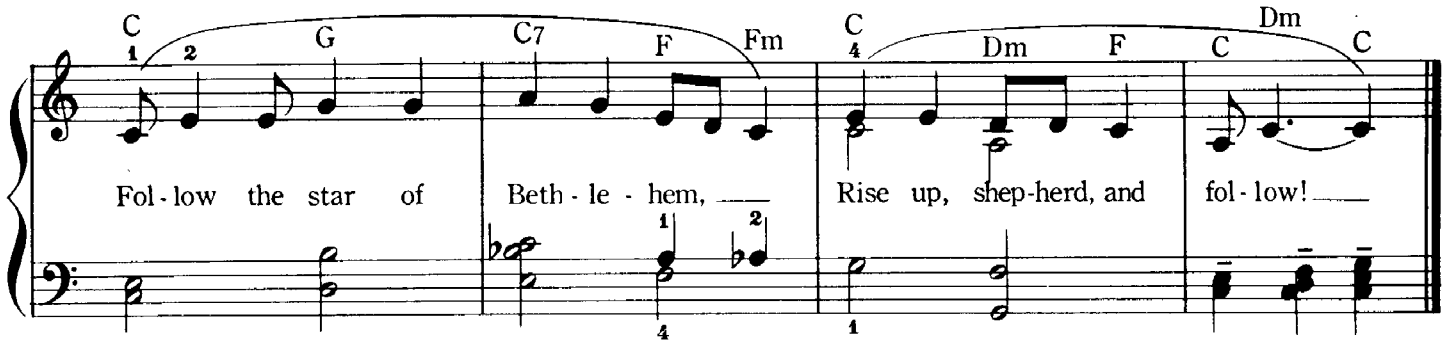
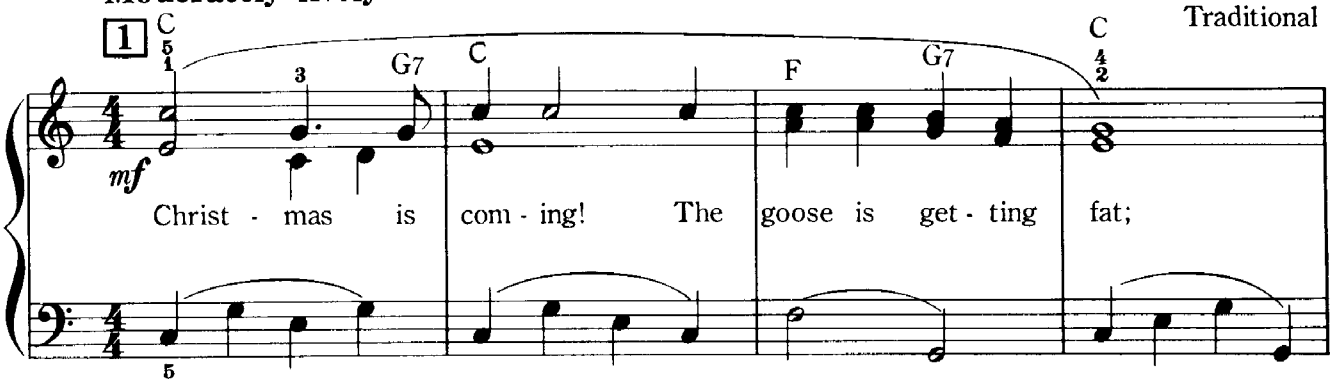


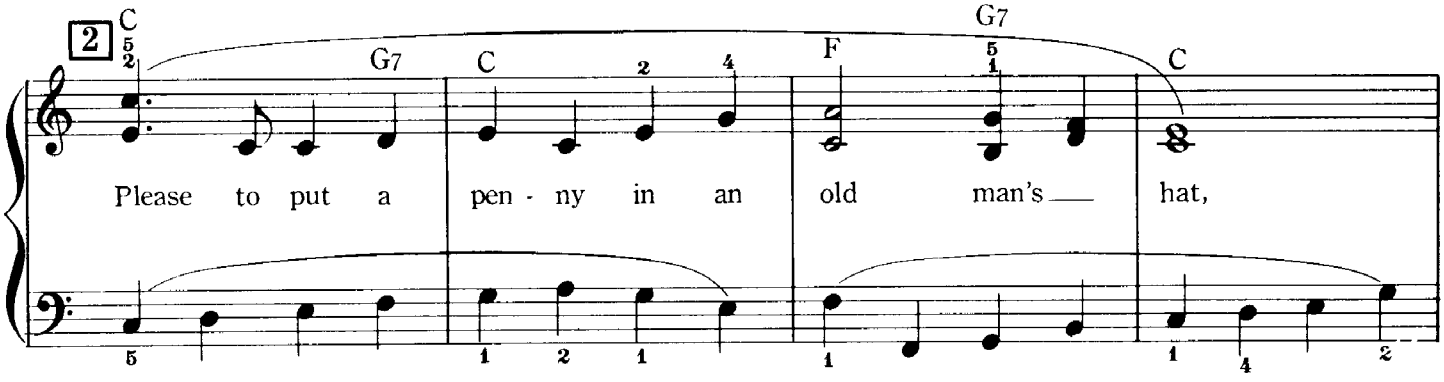
Christmas Is Coming

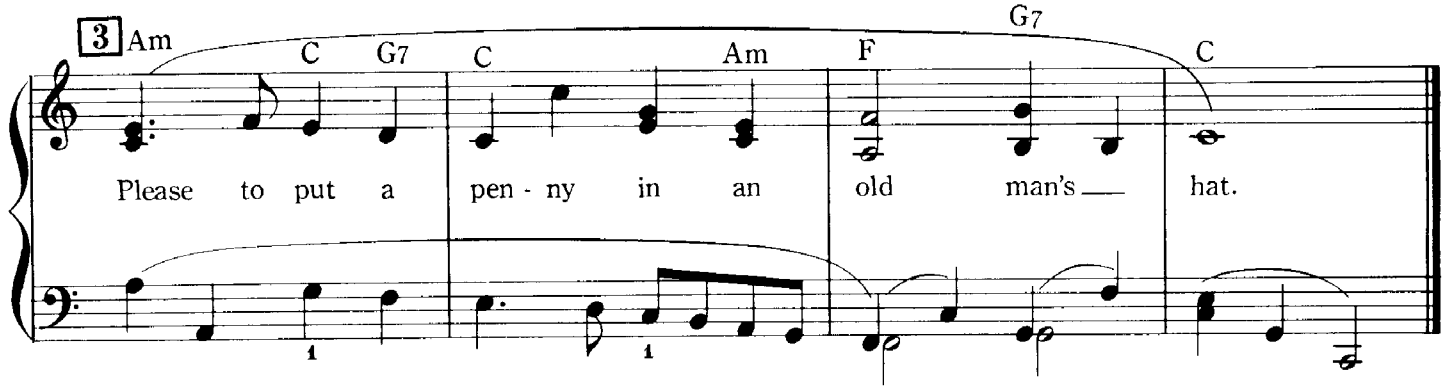
Three - Voice Round

Moderately lively

Traditional







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Christians Awake

John Byron

John Wainright

Lively, with spirit

C G C Dm C Dm7 C F C F G7
1. Christ - ians, a - wake, sa - lute the hap - py morn, Where - on the
C G C Dm C G C F C Dm G
Sa - viour of man - kind was born; Rise to a - dore the mas - ter - y of love,
E Am E Am E Am Dm6 Am E7 Am F C Dm7 C
Which hosts of an - gels chant - ed from a - bove; With them the joy - ful
Dm Am Dm D7 G F G7 C G C Dm C G C
tid - ings first be - gun Of God In - car - nate and the Vir - gin's Son.

2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard th'angelic herald's voice: "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations upon earth;
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ, the Lord.

3. He spake, and straightway the celestial choir,
In hymns of joy, unknown before conspire:
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heav'n's whole arch with Alleluias rang,
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

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I Wonder As I Wander

Appalachian Carol

2. When Jesus was born, it was in a cow's stall,
With shepherds and wise men and angels and all.
The blessings of Christmas from heaven did fall,
And the weary world woke to the Saviour's call.

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Carillon On A French Carol

Il est né, le divin enfant

Denes Agay

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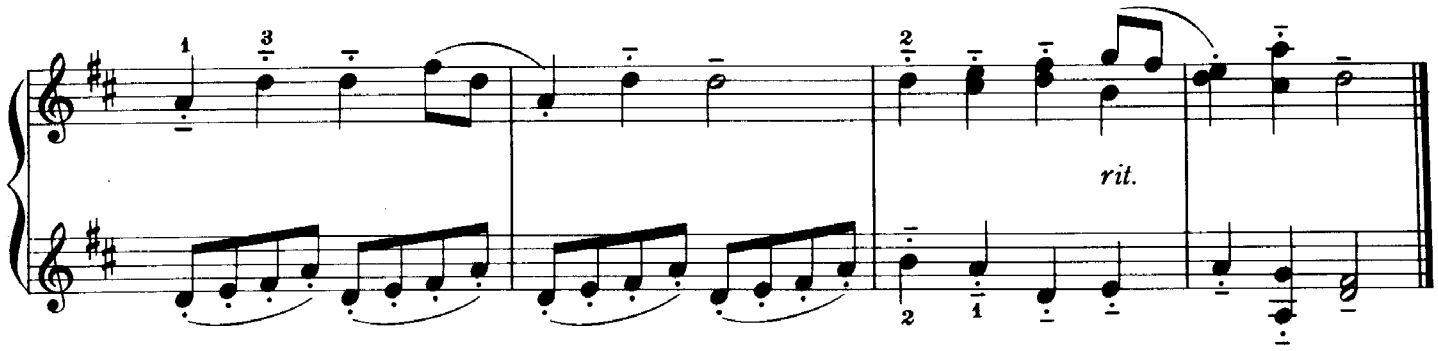

From Heaven High I Come To You

Martin Luther

Moderately

C G D7 G C F G7 C
mf
From heav - en high I come to you, With
G Am G C Am F Dm G
joy - ful heart and ti - dings new. To us is born this
Am D G Am Em G9 C A Dm G7 C
day a King, So join ye all, His prais - es sing!

Our praise to God in heaven high,
This little Child we glorify.
Let us all be of goodly cheer
And hail with joy the bright New Year!

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Rejoice And Be Merry

English

Lively
G D G D G D7 G D7 G D G
f
1. Re - joice and be mer - ry in songs and in mirth! O
C Bm C G Am G C D7 G
praise our Re - deem - er, all mor - tals on earth! For
Am E7 Am D
D7 G D7 G
this is the birth - day of Je - sus our King, Who
Em Bm C Bm Em7 D7 G C D7 G
brought us sal - va - tion His prais - es we'll sing!

2. A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation His praises we'll sing!

3. Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the Wise Men from the east to draw near;
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation His praises we'll sing!

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O Saviour Sweet

Johann Sebastian Bach

Gently moving

B♭ Gm C F B♭ C7 F B♭
p
1. O Sa - viour sweet, O Sa - viour kind, Who
F D7 Gm F B♭ E♭ F7 B♭ E♭ Cm
all men's hearts in love did bind. O send from
F B♭7 E♭ Gm C F
heav'n Thy ten - der care, That we may for Thy
B♭ E♭ Cm6 B♭ E♭ F7 B♭ Cm F7 B♭
throne pre - pare. O Sa - viour sweet, O Sa - viour kind.

2. O Saviour meek, O Saviour mild,
Who came a happy Christmas Child,
Good will and peace and heavenly light
Came to all men that blessed night.
O Saviour meek, O Saviour mild.

3. O God of grace, O God of love,
Thy blessings send us from above;
Protect us from all earthly strife,
And guide us to Thy perfect Life.
O God of grace, O God of love.

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Hear The Angel Voices

Two-Voice Round

Moderately

Hungarian

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Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

2. When the clock is striking twelve,
When I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black,
With your pack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find
Hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one,
You'll be sure to know.

3. Johnny wants a pair of skates;
Susy wants a dolly;
Nellie wants a story book;
She thinks dolls are folly;
As for me, my little brain
Isn't very bright;
Choose for me, Old Santa Claus,
What you think is right.

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Jingle Bells

Lively

James Pierpont

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Refrain

2. Day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride,
Soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated at my side.
The horse was lean and lank,
Misfortune seem'd his lot,
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got upsot!
Refrain:

3. Now the ground is white,
Go it while you're young!
Take the girls tonight,
And sing this sleighing song.
Just get a bobtail'd bay,
Twoforty for his speed,
Then hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! You'll take the lead.
Refrain:

Up On The Housetop

Gaily
Traditional
mf
1. Up on the house-top the rein - deer pause, Out jumps good old San - ta Claus;
Down thro' the chim-ney with lots of toys, All for the lit - tle ones, Christ - mas joys.
Refrain
f
Ho, ho, ho! Who would-n't go! Ho, ho, ho! Who would-n't go!
Up on the house - top, click, click, click, Down thro' the chim-ney with good Saint Nick.

2. First comes the stocking of little Nell;
Oh, dear Santa, fill it well;
Give her a dollie that laughs and cries,
One that will open and shut her eyes.
Refrain:

3. Next comes the stocking of little Will;
Oh, just see what a glorious fill;
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks,
Also a ball and a whip that cracks.
Refrain:

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O Come Little Children

Moderately

Johann A. P. Schulz

2. The hay is His pillow, the manger His bed,
The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head,
Yet there where He lieth, so weak and so poor,
Come shepherds and wise men to kneel at His door.

3. Now "Glory to God!" sing the angels on high,
And "Peace upon earth!" heavn'ly voices reply.
Then come, little children, and join in the lay
That gladdened the world on that first Christmas Day.

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O Holy Night

Cantique De Noël

Adolphe Adam

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C
Am
Em
new and glo - rious morn!
mf
Fall on your knees,
Dm
Am
O, hear the an - gel voi - ces! O,
cresc.
C
G7
C
F
C
night di - vine, O, night
f
G7
C
G
G7
when Christ was born! O, ho - ly
cresc.
C
Dm
C
G7
C
night ho - ly night, night di - vine!
rit.
dim.
p

The Virgin's Lullaby

Slowly, with a lilt

Dudley Buck

G D9 G D9 G D7
p pp
Sleep, my Je - su, sleep, my
Je - su, sleep, my
G C♯dim A7 Am7 D7 G
best, In Thy low - ly man - ger rest; Moth - er's
best, Soft - ly by my lips ca - ress'd; Moth - er
A7 D7 G B F♯7
hand Thy hands en - fold - ing, In ec - sta - sy her babe be -
sings Thy cra - dle song, And the an - gels hith - er
E B D7 G Am G♯dim
hold - ing: While the ox - en and the sheep Won - d'ring,
throng, While the stars gleam o - ver - head, Watch - ing

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D
A7
Ddim
D7
G
G+
watch ___ Thy gen - tle
round ___ the hum - ble
sleep.
bed.
pp
Lul - la - by, lul - la - by,
C
D7
G
lul - la - by,
Lul - la - by, lul - la - by,
lul - la - by, ___ Sing
Cm
C♯dim
G
C♯dim
G
Am7
D7
lul - la - by, ___ Sing
pp
lul - la - by Sing
lul - la - by, lul - la -
1.
2.
G
D9
G
D9
G
D9
by.
pp
Sleep my
by.
G
D9
G
dim.
pp

The Birthday Of A King

William H. Neidlinger

With motion

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D G A7 D D7
place where Je - sus lay:
per - fect ho - ly way:
mf
Al - le - lu - ia! O how the
G Em A7 D D7 Bm D7
an - gels sang, Al - le - lu - ia! How it rang;
f
cresc.
And the
B7 Em Em6 Bm D7 G C G D7
sky was bright with a ho - ly light, 'Twas the birth - day of a
1. G D9 G Em B7 C
King.
G Gm D7 G
mp
2. 'Twas a
2. G D9 G
King.

Old French Carol

Vieux Noël

Rather slow

César Franck

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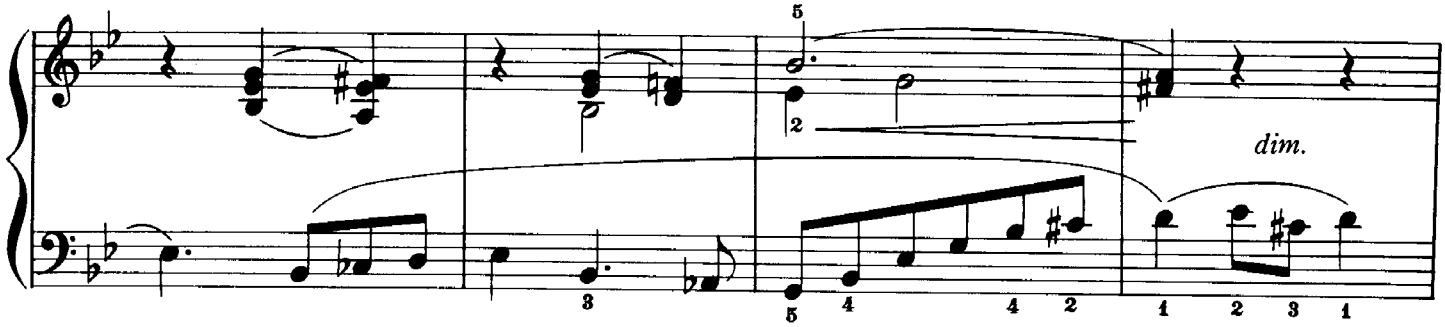
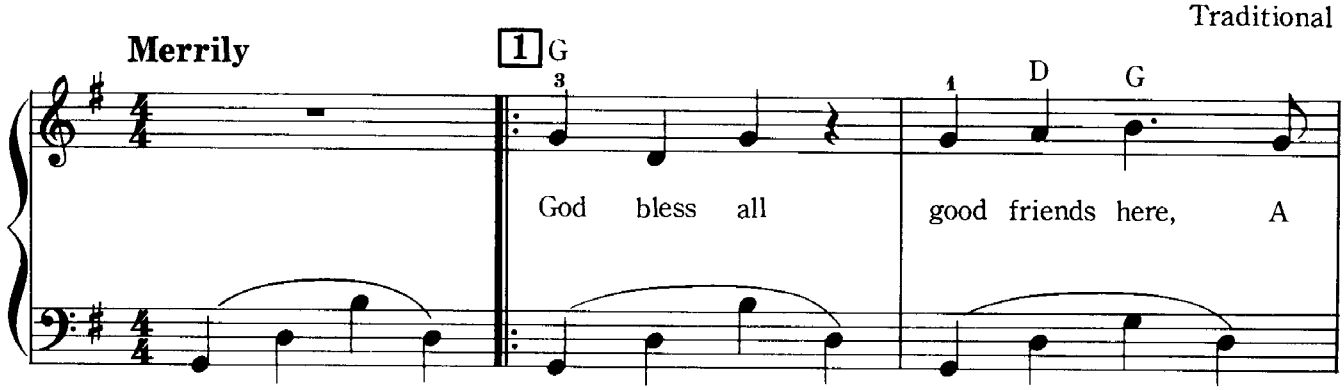
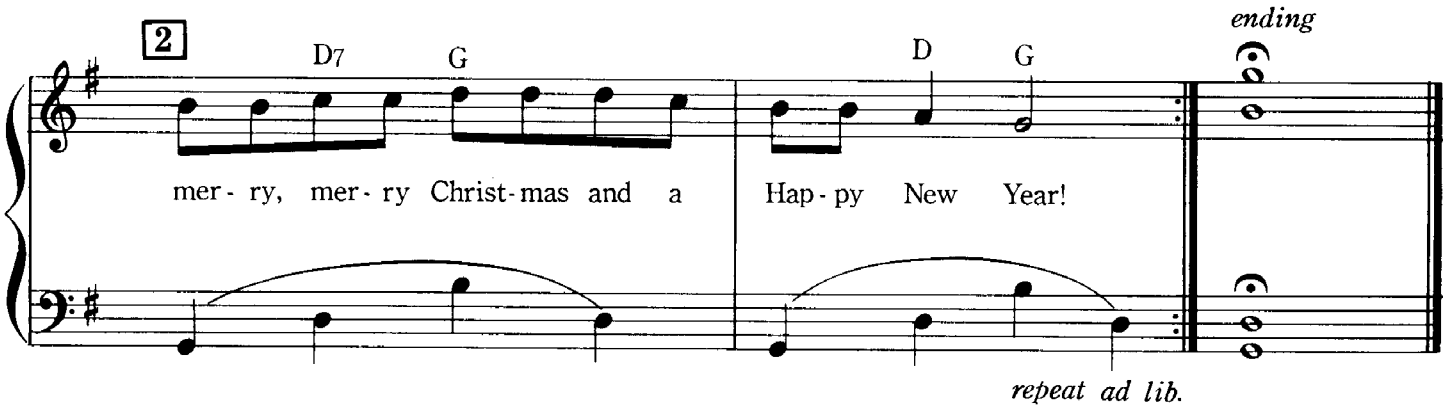


God Bless All

Two-Voice Round

Traditional





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Serenade To The Holy Family

Theme from the Oratorio "The Childhood Of Christ"

Hector Berlioz

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8va
f
8va
8va
dim.
p
D.C. al Fine

Pastorale

from the "Christmas Concerto"

Arcangelo Corelli

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dim.
mf
dim.
p
mf
mp
cresc.
p
mf
f
p
f
dim.
p
pp

Night Of Nights

(Based on a Theme by Mendelssohn)

Words and adaptation by
Denes Agay and Sylvia Eversole

Moderately slow

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star from hea - ven beam - ing, And
left their flocks that ho - ly night. In haste they
crescendo
mf
dim.
p crescendo
fol - lowed, they fol - lowed, the star and lo!
f
With - in a sta - ble bare they found a Sa - viour! A heavn'-ly
p
p

child sent from a - bove to lead the world A - way from
cresc.
dark - ness and des - pair, A Child, a
crescendo
f
f marcato
ho - - ly Child! Oh won - drous night of
f
nights! In gen - tle love the shep - herds
p
cresc.
p
crescendo

bowed be - fore the Babe who lay sleep-ing,
f
pp
cresc.
Soft sleep-ing, That bles - sed
pp
cresc.
night, That won-drous, ho - ly night of nights!
cresc. molto e rit.
f
mp
a tempo
p
pp
oh night of nights.
dim. poco a poco
pp
rit.

Swiss Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin

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Deck The Halls

Lively
Welsh
F C Dm C F C7 F C F
Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly, Fa - la - la - la - la, la - la - la - la.
f
F C Dm C F C7 F C F
'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly, Fa - la - la - la - la, la - la - la - la.
C7 F C F C Dm C G7 C
Don we now our gay ap - par - el, Fa - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la.
mf
F C Dm C F Bb F C F
Troll the an - cient yule - tide car - ol; Fa - la - la - la - la, la - la - la - la.
f

2. See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa-la-la; la-la la; la-la-la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

3. Fast away the old year passes,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Sing we joyous all together,
Fa-la-la; la-la la; la-la-la.
Heedless of the wind and weather.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

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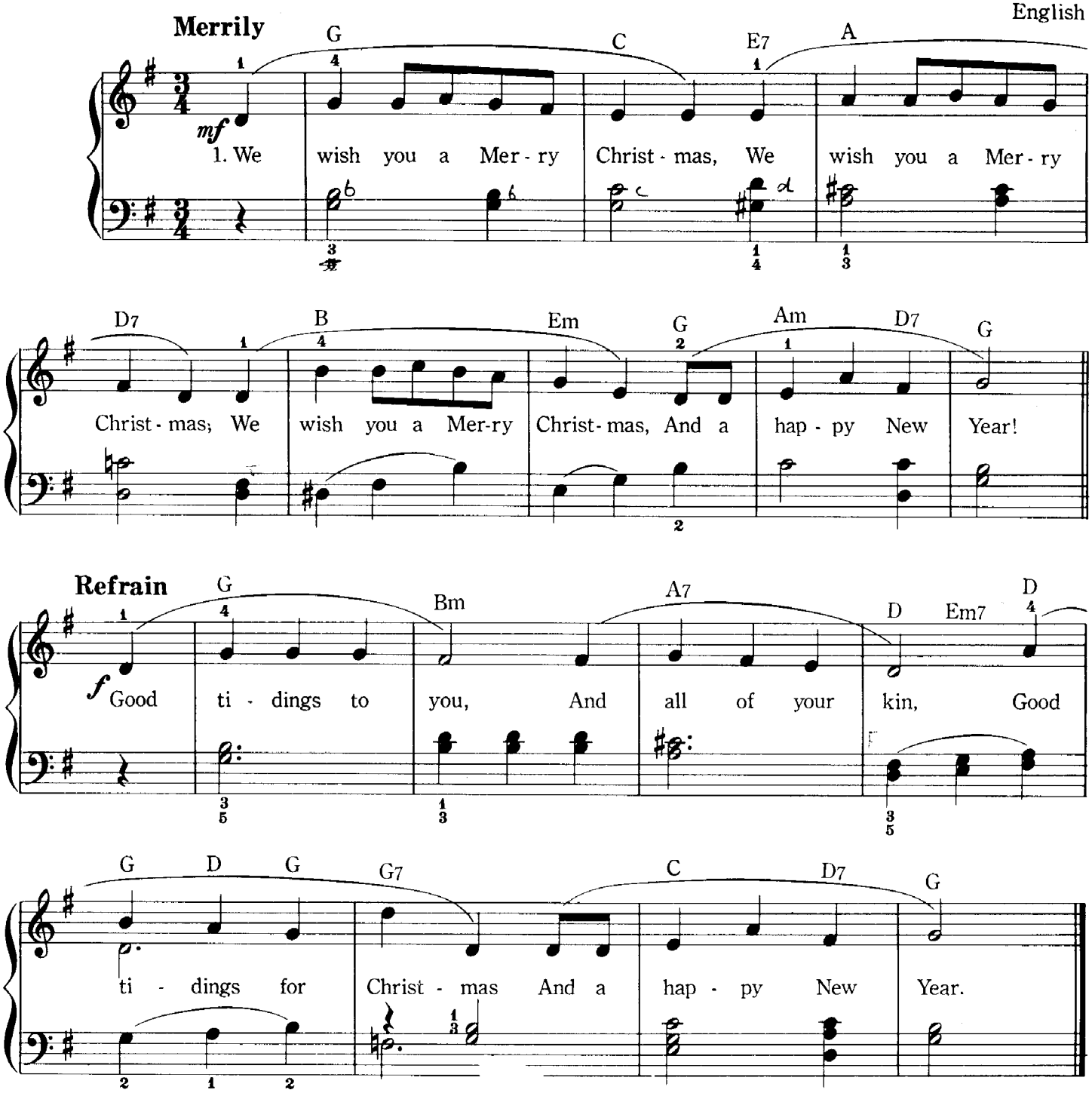
We Wish You A Merry Christmas

English


Merrily
mf
1. We wish you a Mer - ry Christ - mas, We wish you a Mer - ry
Christ - mas; We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, And a hap - py New Year!
Refrain
f
Good ti - dings to you, And all of your kin, Good
ti - dings for Christ - mas And a hap - py New Year.

2. Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
And bring it out here! *Chorus:*

3. We won't go until we got some,
We won't go until we got some,
We won't go until we got some,
So bring some out here. *Chorus:*

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